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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SOVIET FOODGRAIN ASSISTANCE

REF: NEW DELHI 11482 (NOTAL), NEW DELHI 10641 (NOTAL)

1. INDIAN EMBOFF TOLD US AUGUST 30 THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT OFFERED ANY FOOD GRAIN TO INDIA AND THAT INDIA HAD NOT FORMALLY REQUESTED ANY (REFTELS). "OF COURSE," HE SAID, "THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR NEEDS." ANY OFFER WOULD BE ACCEPTED, BUT INDIA DOES NOT EXPECT ONE, AT LEAST BEFORE THE SOVIETS HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF THEIR HARVEST PROSPECTS.

2. BANGLADESH CHARGE SAID ON AUGUST 28 THAT THE SOVIETS HAD TURNED ASIDE A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR GRAIN TO MEET THE PRESENT EMERGENCY IN BD. "WE ASKED FOR FIVE MILLION TONS BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO GET ONE." THE SOVIETS OFFERED NONE, HOWEVER, STATING FRANKLY THAT THEIR OWN HARVEST WOULD BE LESS THAN THEY
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HAD EXPECTED, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE

ANY COMMITMENT BEFORE OCTOBER, AT THE EARLIEST. THEY
EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR BD'S PLIGHT AND OFFERED A NUMBER
OF NON-FOOD ITEMS.
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